

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Eric W. TRIPPLETT *et al.*

Examiner: Irene MARX

Serial No.: 10/720,459

Group Art Unit No.: 1651

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For:

BACTERIAL INOCULANTS FOR ENHANCING PLANT GROWTH

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit that the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies the present Amendment and Response and Request for Continued Examination is filed before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, as specified by 37 CFR 1.97(b)(4). As such, no fees are believed to be presently due. However, the Commissioner is kindly authorized to charge any applicable fees to our deposit account, 04-2223.

Applicants respectfully request that the reference listed in the attached PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. A copy of the reference is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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